

the preference will be administered consistent with applicable law, regulation, or executive order, and collective-bargaining agreements. This preference is not immediately applicable through an outsourcing action or follow-on contract in which the current employees are first offered their same or similar jobs with the replacement contractor in order to avoid a layoff.

An individual's hiring preference continues until termination by the action (or inaction) of that individual. Initially, and on an annual basis thereafter, eligible individuals must certify their desire to retain their hiring preference. Actions that would terminate an individual's hiring preference include: voluntary termination or termination for cause from a position that was obtained through the exercise of the preference, or failure to comply with the annual certification requirement.

Each field organization should develop procedures to ensure that the hiring preference is being honored by all prime contractors and designated subcontractors. Field organization procedures should also describe how the Job Opportunity Bulletin Board System is to be utilized by affected contractors and eligible individuals.

Eligibility Criteria

A. Regular Employees

1. Must have been working at a defense nuclear facility on September 27, 1991;
2. Must have worked full-time (or regular part time) at a facility from that date through the date of the restructuring notification; and
3. Must have been involuntarily separated other than for cause.

B. Intermittent Workers, Including Construction Workers

1. Must have worked at a defense nuclear facility on or before September 27, 1991;
2. Must have worked at a facility within 180 days preceding the work force restructuring notification;
3. Must have worked at a facility a total time, including time worked prior to September 27, 1991, equivalent to an employee having worked full-time from September 27, 1991, to the date of the restructuring notification, or have actually worked the industry standard of full-time from September 27, 1991, through the date of the restructuring notification; and
4. Must have been affected by the announced restructuring within a reasonable period of time (one year is suggested). For an intermittent worker, this includes the interruption of a project before its anticipated completion, or the completion of the assignment or project without prospect for a follow-on assignment at the site where the employee had a reasonable expectation of a follow-on assignment.

Appendix D—Department of Energy Order 350.1

Contractor Human Resource Management Programs, September 30, 1996

Chapter 1—Labor Relations

Chapter 2—Labor Standards

Chapter 3—Reduction in Contractor Employment

The Department of Energy is making the text available at <http://www.wct.doe.gov/owct/Documentation/350order.html>.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP99-180-000]

National Fuel Gas Supply Corporation; Notice of Proposed Changes in FERC Gas Tariff

December 7, 1998.

Take notice that on December 2, 1998, National Fuel Gas Supply Corporation (National Fuel) tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Fourth Revised Volume No. 1, the tariff sheets listed on Appendix A to the filing, with a proposed effective date of January 1, 1999.

National Fuel states that the purpose of this filing is to (i) revise its storage transfer tariff provisions to allow cross-contract storage balance transfers and to prevent ISS shippers from avoiding injection charges under the ISS Rate Schedule by a transfer of storage balances from a firm storage agreement, (ii) provide for additional notice and a return schedule under the IAS Rate Schedule, (iii) provide for the cash-out of imbalances for inactive in-kind shippers, (iv) exclude automatically balanced EFT receipts from balancing fee and cash-out calculations, and (v) make various corrections.

National Fuel states that it is serving copies of this filing with its firm customers and interested state commissions. National Fuel also states that copies are also being served on all interruptible customers as of the date of the filing.

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest said filing should file a motion to intervene or a protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C.

20426, in accordance with Sections 385.214 or 385.211 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. All such motions or protests must be filed in accordance with Section 154.210 of the Commission's Regulations. Protests will be considered by the Commission in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make protestants parties to the proceedings. Any person wishing to become a party must file a motion to intervene. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection in the Public Reference Room.

David P. Boergers,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP99-90-000]

Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company; Notice of Application To Abandon

December 7, 1998.

Take notice that on November 24, 1998, Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company (Tennessee), P.O. Box 2511, Houston, Texas 77252, filed an application in Docket No. CP99-90-000 pursuant to Section 7(b) of the Natural Gas Act for authority to abandon 7,000 Dth/day of firm transportation service for New England Power Company (NEPCO) under Tennessee's Rate Schedule NET and Part 157 of the Commission's regulations. Tennessee further requests that the Commission grant such abandonment authorization retroactively effective April 1, 1996. Tennessee's proposal is more fully set forth in the application which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

Tennessee states that on April 1, 1996, Tennessee and NEPCO amended the Rate Schedule NET contract to reduce the transportation, quantity from 60,000 Dth/day to 53,000 Dth/day. In addition, Tennessee and NEPCO entered into a new contract which provided that 7,000 Dth/day would be transported pursuant to Tennessee's Rate Schedule NET-284 and Part 284 of the Commission's regulations.

Tennessee explains that 7,000 Dth/day of NEPCO's part 157 service was converted to Part 284 service after posting, from March 14, 1996 through December 31, 1996, on Tennessee's EBB of an offer to waive the deadline for